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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 16-19, and 24-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 20-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/27/2005 has been considered by Examiner and made of record in the application file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-6, 9-10, 17, 19, and 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malladi et al (US PUB. 2003/0210668 hereinafter, "Malladi") in view of Hwang et al. (U.S PUB. 2002/0115464 hereinafter, "Hwang").

Consider claims 1, 24, and 25, Malladi teaches adjusting one or more communications with a receiving unit in a wireless communication network comprising the steps of: receiving feedback information relating to the receiving unit (page 6 [0079]).

Malladi does not explicitly show that determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit; and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset.

In the same field of endeavor, Hwang teaches determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit (page 11 [0128]); and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset (page 7 [0093]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use, determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit; and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset, as taught by Hwang, in order to provide transmission power control on a downlink shared channel used in an asynchronous W-CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access) mobile communication system, and in particular, to an apparatus and method for controlling transmission power by transmitting a transmit format combination indicator in a period of a downlink dedicated physical channel assigned to a User Equipment which uses the DSCH in a handover (or handoff) zone.

Consider claim 2, Malladi further teaches the receiving unit is a user equipment, a base station, or a device communicating with multiple user equipments (page 2 [0022]).

Consider claim 3, Malladi further teaches the user equipment is a cordless phone, cellular phone, satellite phone, pager, computer, personal data assistant ("PDA"), entertainment device or wireless combined function device (page 2 [0022]).

Consider claim 4, Malladi further teaches the feedback information comprises an acknowledgement ("ACK"), a negative acknowledgement ("NACK"), a channel quality indication ("CQI"), a discontinuous transmission ("DTX") bit or a communication metric (page 4 [0057]).

Consider claim 5, Malladi further teaches the feedback information offset is a positive value whenever the feedback information for the receiving unit is underestimated and a negative value whenever the feedback information for the receiving unit is overestimated (page 4 [0064]).

Consider claim 6, Hwang further teaches the feedback information offset comprises an initial value of zero, a value based on the receiving unit, a value based on a user profile associated with the receiving unit, a value based on historical data or a value based on one or more conditions of the wireless communication network (page 10 [0119]).

Consider claim 9, Malladi further teaches the wireless communication network is a WCDMA network or a CDMA2000 network (page 2 [0024]).

Consider claim 10, Hwang further teaches the step of setting the feedback information offset to an initial value (page 11 [0123]).

Consider claim 17, Malladi further teaches the step of adjusting one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset comprises the step of scheduling the one or more communications with the receiving unit using the feedback information and the feedback information offset (page 5 [0065]).

Consider claim 19, Malladi further teaches the one or more communication links are adapted by changing a data rate, a channel modulation or a power level for the one or more communication links (page 3 [0040]).

Consider claim 26, Malladi teaches an apparatus for adjusting one or more communications with a receiving unit in a wireless communication network comprising: a receiver that receives feedback information relating to the receiving unit (page 6 [0079]).

Malladi does not explicitly show that determining a feedback information processor communicably coupled to the receiver, the feedback information processor

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determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset; and a transmitter communicably coupled to the feedback information processor that transmits the one or more communications to the receiving unit.

In the same field of endeavor, Hwang teaches a feedback information processor communicably coupled to the receiver, the feedback information processor determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset (page 7 [0093]); and a transmitter communicably coupled to the feedback information processor that transmits the one or more communications to the receiving unit (page 5 [0078]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use, determining a feedback information processor communicably coupled to the receiver, the feedback information processor determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset; and a transmitter communicably coupled to the feedback information processor that transmits the one or more communications to the receiving unit, as taught by Hwang, in order to provide transmission power control on a downlink shared channel used in an asynchronous W-CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access) mobile communication system, and in particular, to an apparatus and method

for controlling transmission power by transmitting a transmit format combination indicator in a period of a downlink dedicated physical channel assigned to a User Equipment which uses the DSCH in a handover (or handoff) zone.

Consider claim 27, Hwang further teaches the receiver, the feedback information processor and the transmitter are part of a base station (page 16 [0161]).

Consider claim 28, Malladi teaches a system for adjusting one or more communications in a wireless communication network comprising: one or more receiving units, each receiving unit comprising a receiver, a feedback information estimator communicably coupled to the receiver and a transmitter communicably coupled to the feedback information estimator (page 1 [0011]).

Malladi does not explicitly show that one or more base stations communicably coupled to the one or more receiving unit, each base station comprising a receiver that receives feedback information relating to the receiving unit, a feedback information processor communicably coupled to the receiver, the feedback information processor determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset, and a transmitter communicably coupled to the feedback information processor that transmits the one or more communications to the receiving unit.

In the same field of endeavor, Hwang teaches one or more base stations communicably coupled to the one or more receiving unit, each base station comprising a receiver that receives feedback information relating to the receiving unit, a feedback information processor communicably coupled to the receiver, the feedback information processor determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit (page 11 [0128]) and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset (page 7 [0093]), and a transmitter communicably coupled to the feedback information processor that transmits the one or more communications to the receiving unit (page 1 [0011]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use, one or more base stations communicably coupled to the one or more receiving unit, each base station comprising a receiver that receives feedback information relating to the receiving unit, a feedback information processor communicably coupled to the receiver, the feedback information processor determining a feedback information offset for the receiving unit and adjusting the one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset, and a transmitter communicably coupled to the feedback information processor that transmits the one or more communications to the receiving unit, as taught by Hwang, in order to provide transmission power control on a downlink shared channel used in an asynchronous W-CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access) mobile communication system, and in particular, to an apparatus and method for controlling transmission power by transmitting a transmit format combination indicator

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in a period of a downlink dedicated physical channel assigned to a User Equipment which uses the DSCH in a handover (or handoff) zone.

Consider claim 29, Hwang further teaches a transmit processing node communicably coupled to the one or more base stations (page 2 [0012]).

Consider claim 30, Hwang further teaches the transmit processing node is a radio network controller (page 2 [0012]).

4. Claims 7-8, 11-14, 16, 18, and 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malladi in view of Hwang, and further in view of Leslie (U.S. PAT. 5,115,514).

Consider claim 7, Malladi and Hwang, in combination, fails to disclose the feedback information offset is not higher than a maximum value and is not less than a minimum value.

However, Leslie teaches the feedback information offset is not higher than a maximum value and is not less than a minimum value (col. 10 lines 34-49).

Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the disclosing of Leslie into view of Malladi and Hwang, in order to provide for selecting one or more of a plurality of cellular mobile communications signals which would benefit from being boosted.

Consider claim 8, Leslie further teaches the feedback information offset comprises a communication link adaptation feedback information offset and a scheduling feedback information offset (col. 25 lines 44-62).

Consider claim 11, Leslie further teaches the step of adjusting one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset comprises the steps of: determining a load-based feedback information offset for the receiving unit (col. 6 line 59 through col. 7 line 2); and adjusting one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information, the feedback information offset and the load-based feedback information offset (col. 12 lines 33-43).

Consider claim 12, Leslie further teaches the step of determining the feedback information offset for the receiving unit comprises the steps of: increasing the feedback information offset whenever the feedback information includes a negative acknowledgement ("NACK") (col. 16 lines 55-68); and decreasing the feedback information offset whenever the feedback information includes an acknowledgement ("ACK") (col. 16 lines 55-68).

Consider claim 13, Leslie further teaches the feedback information offset is increased or decreased in uniform increments, predetermined increments, scaled

increments or calculated increments (col. 16 lines 55-68).

Consider claim 14, Leslie further teaches the increments depend on a fixed value, a value based on the receiving unit, a value based on a user profile associated with the receiving unit, a value based on historical data, a value derived from feedback information received from the receiving unit or a value based on one or more conditions of the wireless communication network (col. 24 lines 23-36).

Consider claim 16, Leslie further teaches the step of determining the feedback information offset for the receiving unit comprises the steps of: increasing the feedback information offset whenever an actual number and/or an average number of transmissions is less than a minimum limit; and decreasing the feedback information offset whenever the actual number and/or average number of transmissions is greater than a maximum limit (col. 16 lines 55-68).

Consider claim 18, Leslie further teaches the step of adjusting one or more communications with the receiving unit based on the feedback information and the feedback information offset comprises the step of adapting one or more communication links with the receiving unit using the feedback information and the feedback information offset (col. 25 lines 44-62).

Consider claim 31, Leslie further teaches an interface/routing node communicably coupled to the transmit processing node (col. 12 lines 29-33).

Consider claim 32, Leslie further teaches the interface/routing node is a mobile switching center or public data switch node (col. 24 lines 3-16).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 15 and 20-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

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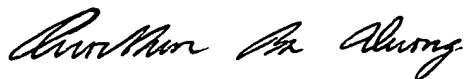
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